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SUBJECT: KING HUSSEIN AND PRIME MINISTER RIFAI ON TERRORISM

1. IN TALKS JANUARY 10 WITH KING AND RIFAI, BOTH MENTIONED
THAT KING HAD DECIDED NOT TO GO TO SWITZERLAND.
BOTH SAID THEY APPRECIATED OUR HELP IN DISCUSSING
SITUATION WITH SWISS AND OTHERS.

2. IM A RELATED SUBJECT, BOTH EVINCED SERIOUS AND CON
TINUING CONCERN THAT "TERRORISTISTS MIGHT BEGIN OR EXPAND
CAMPAIN AGAINST US, WESTERN LEADERS, AND OFFICIALS AND
JORDANIANS OVER THE NEXT MONTH OR TWO. WHILE I QUESTIONED
THEM CLOSELY, THEY SEEMED NOT TO BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY
SPECIFIC SOURCE OR ACTIVITES. THEIR FEARS SEEM TO
TO BE RELATED TO THE OPEC MINISTERS HIJACKING AND
WHAT THEM SEEM TO CONSIDER TO BE A CONCENTRATION OF
TERRORISTS GROUPS OPERATING TOGETHER WHICH MIGHT
INCLUDE PALESTINIANS FROM THE HABBASH GROUP, CARLOS
MEMBERS OF THE BADER-MEINHOF GANG AND THE JAPANESE
RED ARMY. THE KING SAID HE THOUGHT UPSURGE IN ACTIVITY
MIGHT COINCIDE WITH SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE SINCE
HABBASH MIGHT WISH TO DEMONSTRATE REJECTIONISTS
OPPOSITION TO PLO PARTICIPATILC IN PROCESS WHICH
MIGHT LEAD EVENTUALLY TO PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION IN
FUTURE ATTACKS ON ISRAEL BY FAYAYEEN WHICH HAS BEEN
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3. JORDANIANS, FOR HISTORICAL REASON HAVE OBVIOUSLY
STRONG SENSITIVITIES TO ACTIVITIES OF THIS TYPE.
ABOVE IS PASSED ON BECAUSE OF CONSTANT AND HIGH LEVEL
CONCERN REFLECTED TO ME BY SENIOR JORDANIANS. WE WILL
STAY IN TOUCH WITH THEM TO DEVELOP ANY ADDITIONAL
SPECIFICS. IN THE MEANTIME, THOUGHT DEPARTMENT
WOULD WISH TO HAVE CURRENT THINKING FROM HERE ON GENERAL
PROBLEM FOR WHATEVER USE CAN BE MADE OF IT.
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